Employee Spotlight

Meet Dr. David Glazer

What is your job at VA?
I am the Medical Director of the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center. In the PRC, we take care of active duty soldiers and Veterans who have sustained multiple injuries. The extraordinary PRC team provides 3-5 hours of therapy to patients at least five days per week.

How long have you worked with VA?
I started working at this VA in July 2017. Throughout my medical training, beginning at Meharry Medical College and through residency and fellowship training, I have been very fortunate to have rotated at multiple VA hospitals throughout the USA.

What has been your most memorable experience while working at VA?
Attending the Marine Corps 242nd birthday celebration has been my most memorable experience. It provided me with a glimpse into the world some of my patient’s come from.

Tell us something about you that most people would not know.
I am an Eagle Scout. I have recently started volunteering with Richmond Boy Scout Troop 613. It is a privilege to be able to teach the new generation of boy scouts important skills, which I continue to implement daily.

What does being a VA employee mean to you?
I am able to combine my passions for service to the USA and medicine daily. It is very inspiring to hear the stories of my patients and their families. It is an honor and a privilege to care for our nation’s heroes and their families here at the McGuire VA Medical Center.
TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT EMPOWERS WOMEN VETERAN ARTISTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES

Artwork stretched down the mall area of the McGuire VA Medical Center, Nov. 15 as part of a traveling exhibit highlighting the work of women Veterans. Several local artists took center stage with items such as colorful handmade jewelry and a unique quilt displaying poems written by women Veterans.

The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between VA’s Center for Women Veterans and Veteran Artist Program, a nonprofit whose aim is to promote Veterans in the arts. There were hundreds of submissions from women Veteran artists, and the top 10 selections were chosen to be displayed at select VA facilities across the nation.

“Art is a vital part of healing for all people,” said Diane Nicholas-Addy, retired Army Veteran.

Nicholas-Addy began her career in the Women’s Army Corps, a special all-woman branch. Records indicate women have served in American wars since at least the late 1700s. In December 2015, the Pentagon formally announced it would open all jobs to women. After centuries of service, women Veterans were finally able to work as equals, side by side with males, in all jobs of the military.

At the exhibit, Nicholas-Addy presented a photograph of a pigmy owl facing the camera, gazing out at passersby.

“Being outside in nature, with a camera in my hands … I’m a lot more calm with a camera in my hands,” she stated.

VA hospitals across the nation recognize the therapeutic value of the arts through various recreational programs. At McGuire, music therapy, creative writing, painting and other forms of art therapy are available to Veterans.

“Right now, I’m just trying to heal myself,” said Army Veteran Renette Rawlins. “When I do things like my jewelry, it takes my mind off whatever is troubling me.”

Each piece of art in the exhibit featured a picture of the artwork and a photograph of the artist with a short bio. Each bio tells a story of a women Veteran and her valuable service to the country.

“This has all the abstract colors that I like,” said Felicia Moore as she pointed to her favorite painting on display. “It just sticks out and soothes the spirit.”

Moore, a retired Army Veteran, said she draws inspiration from everything: nature, everyday objects and her granddaughter.

View the ten traveling art pieces touring the U.S. at the following link: Women Veterans Art Exhibit.
More than 200 Veterans, staff and community members attended McGuire’s Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 9 to honor sacrifices made by Veterans. Keynote speaker Jaime Areizaga-Soto is Virginia’s Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and a colonel in the Army National Guard. The Fort Lee Color Guard and 392nd Army Band performed during the ceremony. More than 40 members of Petersburg High School’s Junior ROTC program were in attendance, along with inpatient Veterans, volunteers, and active duty service members. Following the Veterans Day program, active duty Marines and Veterans celebrated the United States Marine Corps 242nd birthday near the outpatient pharmacy waiting area. The cake was cut with a Marine non-commissioned officer’s sword and the first slices were given to the oldest and youngest Marines in attendance.
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT McGUIRE
Charles Marshall, Vietnam-era Marine
1st Place in Knotting: “Windows to the Soul”

Marshall said he dedicates this artwork to his oldest daughter, whose loving personality gave him inspiration to the piece. Marshall has attended eight National Veterans Creative Arts events.

Brian Kausek, Army Veteran
3rd Place in Digital Art: “Derby Quinn”

“Harley is such a dynamic and fierce presence in popular culture. To many, this character represents everything about being unconventional – something I’ve always personally identified with myself.”
The McGuire Employee Association (MEA) held its first official outing, Nov. 18, as more than 40 employees traveled to National Harbor for a day trip. Be on the lookout for more MEA activities coming soon!

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